OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE (OCS)

OCS 1000 - Seminar in OT Practice
Credit(s): 2 Credits
Humans as Occupational Beings is a course specifically designed for
the freshman student with a declared major in Occupational Therapy,
as well as, the student interested in learning more about the profession.
Exploring the complex construct of occupation facilitates insight into
the innate need for occupational engagement (meaningful activity), the effect
of occupational deprivation, and the application of occupational balance
and justice to individuals, communities, and populations.
Attributes: UUC:Ignite Seminar

OCS 1010 - Introduction to Occupational Science and Therapy
Credit(s): 2 Credits
The purpose of this course is to introduce freshman and sophomore
students to the concept of occupation, the academic discipline of
Occupational Science (OS), and the health care discipline of Occupational
Therapy. Learners are encouraged to be reflective of the evolving process
of their personal and professional development and their choice of
occupational therapy as a career.

OCS 3120 - The Study of Occupation
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is an introduction to occupational science. It focuses on the
individual meaning of occupation. Patterns of occupation are examined
as well as subjective dimensions of occupational experience. Students
will learn to describe occupation using more specific terminology,
including habits, routines, rituals, identity, motivation and individual time
use. Students will also study an occupational science leader and reflect
on the evolution of their research and interests related to the study of
occupation. OCS 3120, 3220, and 3320 are taken together. There is a 24
hour shared ACSE (Applied community service experience) across these
courses.

OCS 3220 - Contexts of Occupation
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is an overview of the temporal, spatial, and socio-cultural
contexts of occupation as a basis for design of the therapeutic contexts
of intervention.

OCS 3320 - Development of Humans as Occupational Beings
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the development of human occupation across the
lifespan from an occupational science perspective. The course begins
by outlining the domains of occupational science and occupational
therapy to provide a foundation for the semester’s work. We will analyze
theoretical approaches to development, learning, and behavior across the
lifespan. We will examine occupations across categories of play, leisure,
and work, and we will understand the ways in which life transitions
influence occupation. We will critically examine the link between
occupation and wellbeing, including whether occupations are always
“good”, and will end the course by synthesizing our occupational science
knowledge.

OCS 3520 - Occupation and Health
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the reciprocal relationship between occupation and
health from its historical origins through theoretical conceptualization
and reviews the literature supporting the health benefits of occupational
engagement.

OCS 3720 - Occupational Justice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces the theoretical and philosophical concepts of
occupational justice and explores the right of humans as occupational
beings to engage in a variety of meaningful, balanced, and inclusive
occupations.
Attributes: Cultural Diversity, Urban Poverty - Health Care, Urban Poverty -
Immigration

OCS 3810 - Cultural and Developmental Influences on Occupation
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores career pathways and opportunities for occupational
scientists through professional roles, skills, and practical data
applications.

OCS 4620 - Clinical Conditions and Phenomenology
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course addresses various physical and clinical conditions and their
impact on the lived experience.

OCS 4980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Independent project within the Occupational Science and Occupational
Therapy Department. Course objectives will be identified through student
and faculty consultation. (Offered Fall, Spring and Summer)
Restrictions:
Enrollment limited to students in the Occupational Science Therapy
department.